

## ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

## Anniversary for the Benefit of the Orphans of Volunteers.

The necessities of Passion Week prevented the assembling of as large an audience as might have been desired for the object of the Fort Sumter celebration at the Academy. The audience, however, made up in attention and response what was lacking in numbers, and the entertainment was full of both pleasure and profit to all. The full band of Graciosa discoursed most elegant music for a considerable time before the more formal exercises began, giving selections from the works of "La Folia del Duomo" and "Venezia."

Major Gen. Peck was then introduced, and stated, in a few congratulatory remarks, the occasion of the assembly. He briefly and agreeably reviewed the events connected with the fall of Fort Sumter in 1861, and then, referring to the repining of the old flag on the walls of the hall, said that it was in commemoration of the latter happy event that the audience before him was gathered. Gen. Peck spoke also of his early acquaintance with Gen. Anderson, and read an extract from a letter of his written just before his surrender in 1861, and closed with a hearty tribute to the faithfulness and bravery of New-York soldiers, in behalf of whom he had been the recipient of the proceeds of the meeting to be applied. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Mitchell, the Rev. Mr. Corbit having been unavoidably called away.

After the playing of that beautiful air, "Anderson's March to Sumter," the Hon. Chauncey Shaffer was introduced.

MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW CITIZENS: The anniversary of the event which we are called upon to commemorate is without parallel in the history of nations. In a time of profound peace and unwarlike prosperity, when from the coast of Maine to the Rio Grande, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, the open hand of beneficent God filled the nation with provisions, when the choicest treasures of earth and ocean were seeking our shores, when our flag was honored by sea and by land wherever it floated; when Embassadors from afar made the circuit of the globe to do homage to the wisdom of our institutions, and to witness for themselves the grandeur of our youthful proportions; at a time when civil and religious liberty seemed to permeate all lands, when Chinese walls were crumbling, when perfidiousness was banished from the earth, when the blood of her martyred sons, the avowed enemies of the world, were mingled with the blood of our own people, and when the world was about to be a common brotherhood of human progress, our young Republic—no longer having yet made the circle of a century—was suddenly arrested in her triumphant career, and threatened with destruction by the blood of her martyred sons. The avowed enemies of the world, were mingled with the blood of our own people, and when the world was about to be a common brotherhood of human progress, our young Republic—no longer having yet made the circle of a century—was suddenly arrested in her triumphant career, and threatened with destruction by the blood of her martyred sons. The avowed enemies of the world, were mingled with the blood of our own people, and when the world was about to be a common brotherhood of human progress, our young Republic—no longer having yet made the circle of a century—was suddenly arrested in her triumphant career, and threatened with destruction by the blood of her martyred sons.

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